

EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

A Matter of Business.

The business men who are advocating commission government for Hopkinsville have no selfish motives to influence them. They are not seeking jobs, but are men interested in the growth and prosperity of the city. They want to see the same business methods applied to the city's business that cautious, prudent and successful business men apply to their own business. They want to see the affairs of the city lifted out of the mire of ward politics. There are many business houses in the city whose executive officers are paid more than \$1,800 a year and yet the entire council and mayor of Hopkinsville receive less than that amount in the aggregate. Salaries of subordinate officers have been increased from time to time, but the governing authorities are still pined upon a cheap scale. Commission government is exactly the opposite. Commissioners are employed at good salaries to manage the city's business like business men manage their own affairs, stopping leaks, paying only such salaries as are earned, requiring officials and employees to put in full time and to lose their own idle time, and above all to see that honesty is practiced in every department at all times.

Under the new law there will be three commissioners at \$1,800. One of these will be paid by the salaries now paid to the mayor and council. The increase of \$3,600 can be saved every year by abolishing useless offices, the duties of which can be performed by the commissioners themselves.

The object that the business men who are for it hope to attain through the commission plan is one that will benefit all alike. The object of those who are leading the opposition ought to be perfectly apparent to any one who will stop to think.

As a taxpayer, you are investing your money, every year, in the city, a corporate enterprise. Do you think your investment is a good one? If not, you should try to make it so, for so long as you are a citizen and property owner, you will be an investor whether you desire it or not. If the plan of managing your corporation is not satisfactory or profitable, your remedy is to change the plan.

If you are not entirely satisfied, if your mind is not clear upon the subject, do as if you were going to invest your earnings in a commercial or financial enterprise, get the opinion of those in whom you have confidence and upon whose judgment you would rely—men who have no personal interest to serve and whose opinions will be unwarped and unbiased. They will not mislead or deceive you.

Prince Maurice of Battenberg, a cousin of King George, has been killed on the battlefield in France. The British army on rolls and drilling amounts to 1,500,000 men. Of this total 800,000 belong to what is termed Kitchen's army.

Two banks in Calloway county have failed in a week. Following the failure of one of the Murray Banks Monday, the Bank of Hazel has been placed in the hands of the State Banking Commissioner.

Open opposition appeared yesterday for the first time when a sample ballot was circulated appealing for votes for 12 Councilmen as being preferable to commission government.

Gov. Hunt, of Arizona, is as much hated as Gov. Colquitt, of Texas, was some time ago.

Gen. Botha is living up to his name in bothering with the South African rebels.

Vote for the stock law for Christian county.

TURKEY GETS INTO THE FRAY AS THE ALLY OF GERMANY

TURKISH CRUISER BOMBARDS RUSSIAN TOWN, DESTROYING CHURCH, WOUNDING SOLDIER AND SETTING BRANCH OF NATIONAL BANK AFIRE--MAY BRING OTHER NATIONS INTO GREAT EUROPEAN CONFLICT.

London, Oct. 30.—A Petrograd dispatch says a Turkish cruiser yesterday attacked Theodosia, Crimea, and bombarded the station and city, damaging the cathedral, the Greek church, a pier and some sheds. A soldier was wounded. A branch of the Russian bank of foreign commerce caught fire. At the conclusion of the bombardment the cruiser left in a southwesterly direction.

The Turkish cruiser Samidieh attacked Novorossysk, Caucasus, and demanded the surrender of the city and the government properties threatening in case of refusal to bombard the town. The Turkish consul and officials were arrested. The cruiser withdrew.

Theodosia (formerly Kaffa) is a Russian seaport on the southeast coast of Crimea, about a hundred miles northeast of Sebastopol, by which it is connected by rail.

Novorossysk is on the northeast coast of the Black sea, and is the capital of the territory of the Black sea. It is almost opposite Theodosia at a distance of about 120 miles.

Quiet on The Yser.

London, Oct. 30.—The battle of the Yser and the series of the fights along the whole front in Belgium and France appear, with the troops now exhausted, to have degenerated into numerous isolated attacks and counter attacks, in which gains and losses are about equally divided.

On that part of the battle front nearest the sea, where the Germans have delivered repeated attacks with daily increasing forces, in their efforts to force their way to Dunkirk and eventually to Calais, and where the allies have offered such stubborn resistance, there has been another day of comparative calm, and, although

the Germans in their morning bulletin claim progress south of Neuport, the French this afternoon say there is no change.

The Germans seem to have transferred their more serious operations further inland, and to be trying to break through the allied lines from Lille, which if successful, would compel the allies, who are holding the front through Ypres to the coast, to fall back toward Dunkirk.

However, nothing of great moment is likely until troops have been given some rest and reinforcements arrive to fill up great gaps made in both armies as a result of continuous artillery and infantry attacks.

Germans Retreating.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Ali of the German army corps on the left bank of the Vistula, in Poland, are in full retreat, according to an official re-

port from Petrograd made public here last night. The report follows:

"On Oct. 28 we overcame the resistance of the last troops of the enemy endeavoring to put up a fight to the north of the river Pilica. At the present moment all of the Austro-German corps on the left bank of the Vistula are in full retreat.

"Strykoff, Ejow and Noxomias are occupied by our troops. Radom is occupied by our cavalry, we have captured several thousand prisoners, guns, scores of machine guns, supply trains and automobiles.

"In Galicia there are no changes.

"On the east Prussian front the first German army corps supported by other troops is for the fourth day keeping up an attack near Bagalajewo. The losses of the enemy are very heavy."

LEADERS OF DEMOCRACY

Spoke Last Night At Tabernacle and Spent Night In City.

OFF EARLY FOR LOUISVILLE

Democrats To Hear McCreary, Beckham, Camden and James.

The Democratic special containing the speakers who are campaigning Western Kentucky arrived last night at 8 o'clock and the big Rally at the Tabernacle was held as scheduled.

A great crowd attended and the enthusiasm was high.

A large committee of citizens met



SENATOR JOHNSON N. CAMDEN

the train at the L. & N. depot and escorted the distinguished party leaders to the Tabernacle, where the big crowd was waiting. Speeches were made by Gov. McCreary, Mr. Beckham, Senator Camden Senator James and others. The distinguished visitors spent the night in the city and after the speaking were entertained at the home of Col. and Mrs. Ike Hart, fifty or more prominent citizens being invited to meet them. Col. Hart is a colonel on the staff of Gov. McCreary and an enthusiastic Democrat.

This morning the special train will leave at seven o'clock and will make numerous stops, beginning at Pembroke, Trenton and Guthrie and will arrive in Louisville to-night for the closing rally of the campaign. Senator

SPEAKING TONIGHT.

The business men behind the Commission Government movement have arranged for a whirlwind finish to the campaign, with speaking at the Court House tonight and Monday night. There will be a strong array of speakers, both white and colored. Everybody is urged to come out.

AMATEUR PUGILISTS

Fought a Three-Round Contest at Armory Thursday Night.

In a three-round boxing contest at the Armory Thursday night, Ernest Cantrell defeated Fayette Oliver, in the presence of an enthusiastic crowd of about 100.

The pugilists fought as welterweights and the contest was of course within lawful lines, but it created much interest. The victor is a young salesman in Roseborough's store, while Oliver is an employee of the Princess Theatre. Tom Kelly was the referee.

QUICK BAKE OVEN

Mr. McGee Secures Patent On New Utensil.

Mr. R. B. McGee, of this city, has been granted a patent on a bake oven. The new cooking utensil is to be used under an open grate and biscuits can be baked in three minutes with an ordinary fire. Sweet potatoes can be baked in fifteen minutes and a meal of bread and meat can be cooked in seven or eight minutes. The oven is so constructed that ashes and smoke cannot enter. Mr. McGee expects to have the ovens manufactured in large quantities and will shortly place them on the market.

Pitchblende has been discovered in India and a syndicate has been formed to exploit the deposits for radium.

Senator Camden's speech appears in full on another page.

Those in the party were Gov. Jas. B. McCreary, Senator Ollie M. James, Senator J. N. Camden, Gov. J. C. W. Beckham, Thos. S. Rhea, Claude Terrill, W. O. Head, Jno. W. Newman, James Garnett, E. J. McDermott, W. O. Davis, Jas. Reed, Dr. M. Board, Jno. B. Chilton, S. R. Glein and Henry R. Lawrence. Correspondents Kallenbach, Perry and Bloom, of Louisville, and Tom Cromwell, of the Cincinnati Enquirer, are with the party.

CIRCUIT COURT NEAR END

Jury Cases Disposed of and Jurors Will be Discharged Today.

In the case of Vettus Gibbs, 'col., against the L. & N. railroad company for \$5,000 damages, alleging personal injuries sustained by being forced off a running train at the point of a pistol in the hands of a railroad man, the jury found for the railroad company. Gibbs claimed he was forced from the train and fell and broke one of his legs, July 30th last, near Latham, one mile north of the city.

In the suit of W. R. Ledford against the L. & N. railroad company for \$300 damages on account of a horse being killed on a cattle-guard, the jury found for defendant.

The jury in the case of the Hopkinsville Milling Co. against J. W. Riley found for the defendant. The milling company claimed they were entitled to damages because the defendant had not fulfilled a contract they alleged he made to deliver his wheat to them.

Jury trials for this term of the court will be concluded to-day and next week will be given to the disposition of equity matters. Court will adjourn the latter part of next week.

The case of H. C. Bruner vs. The Pennyroyal Company, of this city, was tried yesterday. The plaintiff, a Louisville insurance man, sued for one per cent. commission on \$20,000 borrowed from the Great Southern Company for the defendants. The defendant company refused to pay the \$200, claiming that Bruner did not secure the loan, though he made the application, and that a member of the Pennyroyal company had to make two trips to Louisville and work out all of the details. The case went to the jury Thursday afternoon.

At 10 o'clock the jury returned a verdict of 9, giving judgment for the plaintiff.

Some editor has called attention to the fact that in Kentucky Christian county went "wet" while Bourbon county went "dry."—Elizabethtown News.

NATIONAL CHAMPION

League of Billiard Players Will Play a Game Here Tuesday.

DEMAREST AND CUTLER.

Will Appear At J. L. Tobin's Palm Parlor Tuesday Night.

One of the National Championship Games of the Champion Billiard Players' League will be played here next Tuesday night, Nov. 3, at J. L. Tobin's Palm Parlor.

The players will be Calvin Demarest and Albert Cutler.

The success of the Champion Billiard Players' League is now assured, judging from the reports of the various cities where contests have been played.

The third week of the Champion Billiard Players' League was full of surprises. The world's record average of 40 for 14:1 Balk-Line held by Willie Hoppe was exceeded by two players of the League.

Harry Cline made an average of 50 at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. against Koji Canada while George Sutton hung up a 44 average at Washington, D. C. with Jake Schaefer as his opponent.

The world's record of 40 held by Hoppe was made during the tournament held at Hotel Astor last April.

The average made by Cline and Sutton are all the more wonderful for the fact they are compelled to play on strange tables every night and under changing conditions.

Owing to the players being keyed up to a high pitch by playing every night, the Billiard Fans can look forward to more records before the end of the long grind of 150 games in which each player will participate.

The contest here will be four hundred points at 14:1 Balk-Line, the new style of game which created such a sensation during the recent Championship tournament at the Hotel Astor, New York. This game is full of thrills, is most spectacular and beyond question the most difficult known to the billiard world.

Both players are now going at top speed and judging from the games played by them in other cities in the League a battle to the finish may be expected. Each has made records since the opening of the League which gives him recognition in the top ranks of the League with percentages that assure him a position

COMMISSION GOVERNMENT

A Business Men's Movement Organized Outside of Politics.

APPEAL FOR GOVERNMENT.

Circular Mailed To The Voters Who Will Pass Upon The Question.

Two years ago, the Business Men's Association adopted the slogan "Thirty Thousand Population in 1920." As a means to this end, the Association started a movement last December for putting Hopkinsville under the Commission Form of Government. In doing this, Hopkinsville is following the example of a great majority of the wide awake Cities and Towns of these United States.

Wherever tried, it has proven more efficient, more economical and less cumbersome than the old Councilmanic form.

Our Hopkinsville Association procured the passage of a law by the last Legislature enabling Henderson, Owensboro, Middlesboro, Frankfort, Bowling Green and Hopkinsville to adopt Commission Government. They will all probably vote on, and adopt it, next Tuesday, November 3rd, 1914.

In view of the fact that this is purely a business men's movement for the upbuilding of our City, backed by three hundred of the leading business men and a thousand other staunch voters signing the petition for it with no axes to grind, no offices sought for, and no pie counter in the background, it should appeal to every good citizen who wants to see his city grow by leaps and bounds.

A bigger City means bigger business for every business man and more employment and steadier work for the laboring man.

No corporation nor private business could exist a year if run like a city is run under a government by council. Commission Government means that the business of the city will be run by selected, well qualified business men, who will give the city's business their exclusive attention, who can be found in their office, the City's office, eight hours per day, all chosen by the people.

These things will all follow in the wake of a vigorous, wide awake, enterprising City Government such as the business men believe Commission Government to be and as it has proven where tried. We want your support. We want your help to make the adoption of this measure as nearly unanimous as possible. That it will carry no one doubts, but let it be carried by all the people, and all these good things will be sure to follow.

Respectfully signed, The Committee:

M. C. Forbes, W. T. Tandy, A. D. Noe, W. A. Wilgus, H. A. Keach, Geo. D. Dalton, Jno. H. Bell, Jno. C. Duffy, Jno. W. Richards, B. F. McClellan, W. A. Long, H. R. Tilford, S. Y. Trimble, J. O. Cook, J. D. McGowan, Chas. M. Meacham, N. A. Barnett, Morgan C. Boyd, R. E. Cooper, A. H. Eckles, W. M. Hancock, V. M. Williamson, S. Crit Anderson, I. P. Duke, Geo. E. Randle, E. M. Flack, R. T. Stowe, Odie Davis and Frank Rivers.

Registration 2166.

The total names added by supplemental registration was 46 Democrats, 39 Republicans and 2 Independents, making 87. The grand total is now 2166, of which 974 are Democrats, 1096 Republicans and 87 Independents.

in the first division for some time to come.

The League is composed of the billiard champions of the world and all of them will be seen here during the season. This being the first of the series of matches accounts for